

Oath/Declaration:

As required by the Examiner, a Second Supplemental Reissue Declaration from each of the inventors pointing out the type of priority and also revising the statement of errors that are claimed is being submitted herewith.

Prior Art:

As requested by the Examiner, the art submitted in the prior design patent application is being submitted herewith by way of an information disclosure statement. Applicants submit that none of the art cited therein affects the validity of any of the claims contained in the present application.

Double Patenting:

Applicant is abandoning prior Application No. 09/174,804. Therefore, the provisional double patenting rejection will be mooted and it is respectfully requested that this rejected be withdrawn.

Litigation Involving Patent No. 5,568,925:

There is ^{no} litigation currently pending regarding U.S. Patent No. 5,568,925. The Assignee of the '925 patent filed a patent infringement action against STX, Inc. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division in 1997. That action was settled as the defendant STX, Inc. agreed to stop using its allegedly infringing product. There was no material information regarding the merits of the case that was exchanged by either party during the pendency of the lawsuit. Copies of all the pleadings filed in that case are being submitted herewith.

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Applicants are not aware of any other material information or prior art relating to the present application that has not previously been disclosed in prior Information Disclosure Statement of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

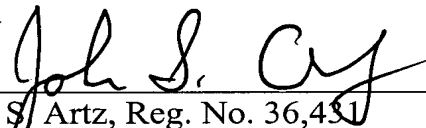
Conclusion:

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and rejections of record have been overcome and that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner should have any questions or require any additional information, he is urged to contact the undersigned at (248) 223-9500.

Respectfully Submitted

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